

Howland Wood - Curatorial

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August 31, 1927

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
890 Guerrero St.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am preparing a new edition of the coinage of the recent Mexican Revolution. I have got almost as much new material as I had in my first monograph. Dr. Landa in Mexico City has given me a vast amount of information and he mentioned that you had one or two pieces not otherwise obtainable. Mr. Zerbe was also in the other day and I checked up his list as well. He had notes of several pieces in your collection. You may remember that in my first edition I illustrated but one or two of your coins loaned through Mr. Zerbe. I am anxious to photograph all the pieces that I can. Would it be possible for you to send on certain pieces so I can make photographs of them? If not, could you have these photographs made?

The following are the pieces that I now want:-  
5 centavo piece with E. De Durango 1914 and three stars on the face. On the other side a large 5 and below it C D S with border of large and small dots. The piece is in lead and, I think he picked it up in 1926.

You also have a large, crude 50 centavo piece in silver that seems to be a companion piece to the enclosed rubbing.

There is also a two centavo piece, 1915, about 7/8 of an inch in diameter, which Mr. Zerbe says you have. The only other piece I know of is in the collection of Dr. Jose Arguelles in Mexico. I dislike writing him for just this one piece. Also you have a silver piece counter stamped 40 within a large C. Mr. Zerbe has the 20. Dr. Landa also gave me a photograph of an ordinary Mexican 50 centavo piece, stamped in incuse letters in a semi-circle Francisco Villa. Have you ever seen anysuch piece? I do not want to list it if it is simply a freak, but if others were done, it certainly should be included.

Mr. H. L. Hill

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Also, do you know where those Durango brass 5 centavo pieces and the aluminum one centavo pieces were made? I imagine they were made in this country but did not get to Mexico in time. If you think that you have other pieces that Mr. Little, Mr. Zerbe and Dr. Landa do not know of, I would like to see them, or, if you think best, you could send me rubbings of any pieces you think I have not got that I have not asked for.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB  
Encl.

October 7, 1927

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
890 Guerrero St.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hill:

I wish to thank you most profoundly for your courtesy and confidence in sending so many of your treasures on to me to study and photograph. This is indeed most kind of you and I appreciate it very much. They arrived this morning and I have been most all day studying them. Although, I had a number of them, there were many I was glad to be able to see and compare. Several were better specimens than I had been able to obtain. I will photograph these probably this week and with your permission I would like to keep them for about two weeks.

By any chance, do you know of anyone who might have other pieces? I have been through Dr. Landa's, Zerbe's, Little's, Brown's of Chicago, Guttag's, Liveright's and some of Hoffecker's coins. Are you able to answer any of the questions I put in my previous letter?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

890 Fairview St

San Francisco Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1927

Mr. Howland Word

The Am. Numismatic Society  
New York City

Dear Mr. Word:

Your letter of Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> acknowledging receipt of the Rev. coins I sent you rec'd. am glad you was pleased with them and thought you would be. A day or two after sending the coins I sent you a long letter ans. your questions and giving such information as I was able but so far have rec'd no ans. to my letter and am wondering why. When you return the coins please send by Express as I think that way safer and put a val. of at least \$200<sup>00</sup> on them. I expect to leave on a trip to Havana in a short time - about Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let me hear from you at once as I am anxious to learn if you rec'd my letter.

Very Truly Yours

H. P. Hill

9th November, 1927

Mr. H. L. Hill;  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have just shipped to you by prepaid express, value \$200, your Mexican revolutionary coins.

Probably you received, just after mailing your letter, a second letter from me explaining my delay in returning these pieces. This letter I mailed to you on November 1st. It is funny that our letters seem to cross one another. As the package was sent today, you should get your coins back about the time you receive this letter. Again I want to thank you for sending these on. They have been of the greatest value to me.

Mr. Zerbe has been here the past two or three weeks, and I have picked out one or two of his specimens to photograph. I have just written Dr. Argüelles but it is too early to hear from him.

I told Mr. Liveright I had given you his name and he said he would be pleased to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

San Francisco Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letters of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> both recd. also the lot of coins you returned arrived P.K. Would have written sooner but like yourself I have been swamped with work. Ans. your questions in letter of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Have no <sup>#</sup> 46 in sil., never saw one and could not say if there <sup>are</sup> any of them in any collections anywhere. I very much doubt if Eklund has a 1<sup>c</sup> Puebla either like mine or slightly different. I sent Mr. Little a rubbing of mine and think the one Eklund describes is from this rubbing and that he has got the lettering somewhat mixed up. Can't give you the meaning of the inscription on it you ask for. (TEL. LA DEL ORO Y OCAMPO) but have written to a friend of mine in Mexico City and as he is pretty wise can no doubt give me the correct date and at the same time write him about the 40¢ & 20¢ cts. on the reg. Mex 1<sup>c</sup> & 2<sup>c</sup> copper pieces and hope he can give me the information about these that you want. While

I have 2 specimens of #35 which are I judge quite a good deal better than yours have never seen a fine specimen and doubt if one is to be had. On one of mine some few letters or designs are on the blank but show on the other one, so between the two I get every thing. I certainly don't have E Klundt's #160 nor ever remember seeing one and #131 & 132 are also new to me. While I have his #113 & 114 or similar ones but with date (1915) never saw them without date and whoever owns them has a couple of very rare little birds. Did you ever see either of them?

Then how about his #179 - 180 & 181 - do you have these? They are new to me. It seems impossible to get a nice specimen of the #181 Mor. piece like I sent you and have never seen a 1914 one with plain date. I think the party in Florida to whom you refer and who collects this series is a friend of Mr. Little and while I can't give you his address his name is Johnson. I think the most of what he has in the Rev. coins came originally from me and doubt very much whether he can furnish you any coins I

do not have. Unless he has picked them up recently  
don't think Dr. Arguello has any other coins you  
will need besides the ones you already know of  
and while I know some other coin collectors in Mexico  
City and other cities of Mexico besides Dr. Parada and  
Dr. A. don't think any of them have anything but  
what you now have or expect to get from Dr. A. Did  
you ever hear of any other Rev. gold coins besides  
the ones from Chilaca? I heard rumors of them but  
was never able to locate any of them. Dr. A. I think  
was one of the parties who said he had heard of some  
of them and it would perhaps be a good idea for  
you to write to him about it. As soon as I picked up  
one of the Madero 10<sup>c</sup> Puebla coins I saw your mistake  
in regard to the 20<sup>c</sup> piece but knew you would soon  
learn about it. Can make a slight correction on  
# 35 by having 2 coins to go by. Thanks very much for  
the names of the collectors you gave me but I already  
have most of them.

Very Truly Yours

H. P. Hill

28th November, 1927

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
990 Guerrero Street,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter is just at hand. I trust you will have a successful trip in Mexico.

In reply to some of your questions:

I have received a letter from Eklund, and he says Nos. 113 and 114 should have the date 1915. He took his from poor specimens that did not show the date. No. 178 was from a description furnished by Little, who had a poor rubbing. Like you, I was puzzled concerning Nos. 179, 180, and 181. Eklund could not help me out, saying he got the information from Little. I am now writing Little on these.

Although I have written Dr. Argulies two letters, I have not yet heard from him. Years ago, when I was writing my first account of these pieces, I had two vague reports from Mexico that there were gold coins made; but I could get nothing tangible. There was a rumor that the Diaz forces (I think Felix Diaz) had struck some square gold pieces in the mountains, but I have never been able to run this rumor down. I have already a much better specimen of my No. 35, and although it may not shade up quite as well as your best specimen, I think it will do. I already have a note of No. 55 with a plain edge; and have noted No. 56 with a milled edge, but of this latter have seen only cast pieces.

I hope to get my book out within a few months; possibly before you return from Mexico. However, drop me a line now and then as to your whereabouts or concerning any new finds.

Very truly yours,

Curator

2d March 1928

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

A thousand apologies for not getting your Mexican Revolutionary coin back to you by June 1st. I had to make three negatives of this before I could get one that was satisfactory. As you may have left before receipt of this letter, I am holding the coin here and will await word from you about it - shall I keep it here or shall I send it to wherever you wish.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 28, 1928.

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
890 Guerrero St.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I was on the point of writing you, when I received a letter from Serbe, stating that you were back. I have about finished my catalogue, but have partly held this up, hoping you might find some new varieties of Mexican Revolution pieces. Serbe says, you have located one at least. Could I get a description of it? I have been so pressed for time, that the work has taken much longer than I thought that it would.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

San Francisco

May 8th 1928

Mr. Howland Wood

Broadway 150 P. St.

New York City

Near Mr. Wood:

Your letter of Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> rec'd

and while I only have one coin for you  
think it will be new to you as it is the  
only one of this type I have ever seen.

It was sent to me a short time ago by a  
friend of mine in Mexico City and while he  
did not go into details simply listed it as Bro  
and Ecuadorean. I thought it would  
be much more satisfactory to you to see  
the coin than to hear a description and  
sent it to you to day by Parcel Post bus. now  
I have only this one coin and had I gone to  
Mexico instead of Hawaii might have been  
able to dig up several new ones. I was fortunate  
enough to find a Villa Peso in copper, the only  
one I have seen except the 2 specimens Dr.  
Landa has. Please return the coin by the end of  
this month as I expect to leave on another trip  
the first of June. Very truly yours

H. A. Hill

May 19th, 1928.

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
890 Guerero Street,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your coin came this morning, and it is certainly new to me. I will photograph it next week, and return it to you promptly. It was very good of you to send it on.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Saw Francisco Yul. 13<sup>th</sup> 1928

Mr. Howland Wood

Broadway & 156<sup>th</sup> St.

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

I send you today by Express  
the following coins.

Villa Hall in silver (gilded)

60 Pesos Layaera Copper

50c Chihuahua 1914 Copper

4. M. Parral Peso New Variety

Mex. Peso 1880 with a C.B.

Smooth sil. coin C.B. on one side C.M.S.

and on rev. Mex. Eagle with letters S.C.M.

Large E C.B. G

While you know of the 60 Pesos Layaera piece in  
Copper and have photo of the 50c Chihuahua in  
Copper though you might like to see them and  
say you had handled them so am sending  
them along with the other few coins. While the  
60 peso gold piece has milled edge this copper

one has a plain edge. The one in Dr. Andrus' coll. &  
mine are the only ones I ever heard of but of course  
there may be a few more. The H. Del Parrot piece is  
very much of a new variety as the edge is plain  
instead of milled as in Ward's and the wreath runs  
clear through the date. There are a lot of faint but  
still very distinct <sup>circles</sup> on one side especially which  
gives it a very odd appearance. Can you give me  
the date on the two C. S. coins? I think the one  
with N. & Eagle and letters on each side is a very  
rare little bird and have never seen another one  
like it. Picked it up here a few days ago and the C. S.  
May doll. I dug up in a back yard in Atlanta. Hope  
it also may be a good one but on a guess  
would say the little smooth one is much  
rarer - don't you? You are a little too  
generous in giving me credit for the coins  
illustrated in your book as Nos 77 & 8 belong to  
Mr. Little I sold both of the coins to him and  
thought they were similar only one being worn  
but Mr. Little wrote me about discovering it as

a new variety. At present I only have one but  
should I get any more will look a little closer  
for new varieties. I enjoyed the manuscript  
and the new book will be far ahead of the first  
one. I think it will be a good seller and <sup>hope</sup> that it will  
start a lot of new coll. of the Rev. coins. While there  
may be a few more new varieties show up in the  
next few years don't think there will ever be enough  
to justify anyone issuing a new book. Will  
surely be on the lookout during my trip to  
Europe this winter for any time spent and get  
photographs & several in Dr. Arrell's coll. While  
I had expected to send the coins before this have been  
occupied with work since I came home and have not  
caught up yet. Please return coins by Express as I  
think it safer and any time between now and last  
of Dec. will be all right as I expect to start Jr M. about  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Am sending rubbings of a few coins that may  
int. you.

Sincerely yours,

H. P. Hise

Copper



1812

Copper



Little stars all around  
both sides between -  
In splendid condition - Uncirculated

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One of the best

The same for 2

No rubbing

Copper



Copper



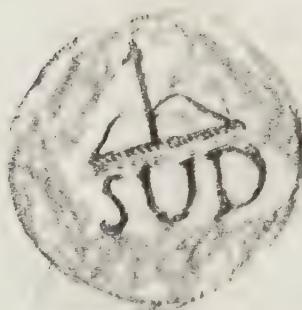
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What C.S.

is and only front  
part shows - as struck  
and not worn



Officer



These show 5 dates later than the other writing

16th November, 1928

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Please accept me about my new Mexican revolutionary  
plans you may have, especially the one recommended. I am  
very anxious you like them and I am sending up the copy of  
of my book which I have given you. I was very glad to have  
you come and trust we will meet again now and then.

Very truly yours,

20th November, 1928

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter came yesterday and the express package today. I wish to thank you very much for sending these on, and I will return them shortly. I found there were no new dies; therefore, did not have to photograph them.

The Villa dollar is copper, being from the same die as the regular piece. I have made a note that this is known gilded. The 6c-peso Oaxaca piece I was glad to see again so as to note that the edge was smooth. I once owned one of these but sold it. The Parral piece, after a careful study, is from the same die as the regular piece, but shows an earlier striking. It is also struck a little harder; therefore, certain things on it show up more than on the average piece. Its weight is interesting, as it is somewhat heavier than the ordinary pieces. I have made a note of this.

The Mexican dollar with a central counterstamp is not rare. This dollar has been to China where various exchange offices have put their 'schroff' or mark on it. I have some of these with so many marks that you can not recognize the design.

Your little silver coin with the Mexican eagle on it is a nice piece. I have never seen one before, nor can I help you out as to what the letters mean. Your cent counterstamped 'A H' I do not consider as having any significance. I think it is simply some private stamp.

I have transferred the acknowledgement of Nos. 7 and 8 as being in the Little Collection. I doubt if the book gets out before the end of the year. I will see that you get a copy just as soon as it is published. Many thanks for your suggestion about remembering me with any new varieties you may run across.

Those certainly are fine Morelos pieces of which you send me rubbings. The counterstamp 'G C P' is for Governo Civil do Porto, made during the revolution of 1847. It is not especially common.

Again thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

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MEXICO, D. F.

March 10, 1915

Mr. H. C. Wood,  
Broadway & 156th St.  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am down in old Mexico again and right in the midst of a new Revolution but don't think it will last four months to visit my old rooms as there is no sign of anything here I expect to leave easily at that time. Have picked up a few Ret. Com. all over. At least one \$100 bill here has the 5¢ piece but don't know of another. Found #42 in Ret. Dr. Arguello but he has it. Picked it up in Tormon and is the only

worth while coin I ever found here. Is your new book  
out yet? Have not heard from S.Y. since I left home and it  
may be there is a copy there now waiting for me. Do you  
want me to get photographs of any of the new varieties of  
Rev. coins & may come across here or will a description  
and rubbing suit you. Mr. Frenelle has a Wood #32  
piece of silver - the only one I have seen, as yet. I saw a  
the bottom and flat on back in Chihuahua rounded  
it. The owner said it was issued by Mining Co. at Batopilas  
State of Chihuahua during the Rev. and that it was a Rev.  
coin. While it may be a Rev. coin all right if then again it  
might not be, but so far have seen no other authority  
who knew of it being issued by the Revolutionists.  
Any how I certainly wanted it and offered 10 Pesos but could  
hardly find one like it. The scarce Rev. coins are getting  
rarer from you would no doubt reach me before I start for  
U.S. but were not a few days ago.

Sincerely yours

H. A. Hill



March 18, 1929

Mr. H. L. Hill  
c/o Hotel Princess  
Avenida Hidalgo, Num. 59  
Mexico City

Dear Mr. Hill:

My edition of the Mexican Revolutionary  
Coins went to you about a month ago; probably  
it is holding now for you, in San Francisco.

However, I am mailing at the same time  
with this letter a small copy, which take with  
my compliments.

I found in my new edition I have my  
old #2 in base silver, Landa collection. The  
five-cent Guerrero is nov. My number 32 in  
copper I have listed in the new book as in the  
Landa collection.

I would be very glad to have nice  
rubblings, and the whereabouts of anything now  
which you may find.

Please excuse haste, but I am anxious  
to get this letter off to-night.

Very truly yours,

HW:BNH

Curator

San Francisco  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 1827

Dear Mr. H. Socf:-

Whilst I have been home from Mexico for some time have been swamped with work and neglected writing you. Have moved to 362 Guerrero St. and while only a short distance it was soon got to work and rearrange all my coins and pictures. Rec'd your air mail letter sent to Princess Hotel May 18<sup>th</sup> but the book on Rev. coins you wrote me you was sending (to Mex.) was missed although I did not start home for about a month after our letters came. Thank you very much for the copy you sent to S.F. and which was forwarded to me in Mexico. I showed it to a good many people there and one of my home and a number of them said they would over the book - nothing did an evening rubbing of a few coins & got on this top

I not so busy would scribble more and well help  
the few letters. It is fortunate we had a very  
rare one on his trip than on any one of the other  
for I think I did not receive many new varieties.  
The Rev. comes - one a Wood  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. high is in  
about the same cond. and the only specimen I have  
ever seen or heard of it is certainly a large one  
of a wood  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. while exceedingly rare by Canada  
it is not the only one mother specimen & this in  
the one from Mr. Smith is at most a 5' high  
elephant ear and for a rubbing & outline they  
few it must be a rare one. The rubbers of the 2  
varieties are said to belong to the collector whose  
name and address are on the back. While one  
at that time of red color of the others. The other  
one may be very unique as it is the only one I have  
ever seen of which it could have been a good book.

More & the same last was a 2. R - 4. R. King  
S. R. C. tail having a (Egypian rock) piece in side  
and stone pieces two. While the S. R. is very rare  
I know of putting many of them in good  
form and in different words but have never seen  
another 2. R. and only one or two 4. R. of this  
variety and then only in poor cond. Am planning  
to go to Europe again (This summer) but will be  
very late in getting started. Will be pleased to hear  
from you again.

Sincerely

C. H. P. Hill

8th July, 1929

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
862 Guerrero Street,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I was very glad to hear from you and thank you very much for the additions to my book and also for the rubbings of your recent acquisitions. You certainly have picked up some fine things.

I have just got back from a week away and during the balance of the summer plan to be here only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Trust to see you for a minute on your way to Europe.

Very truly yours,

San Francisco

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1928

Dear Mr. Word.-

I'm sending rubbing  
of a couple rare Rev. coins & friend's mine  
sent me from Mexico City recently among  
a lot of other coins. You will recognize your  
#37 but this is a much better specimen  
than Dr. Zandio showing the last name  
(SOLIS) very plainly. The other one is a  
Copper Bahatiaca which I have never heard of  
before. The party who sent it says none of the  
collectors in Mexico City have one so it must  
be rare but of course a new variety may  
show up any time. I expect to start a vacation  
trip to Mexico some time this month and hope  
to find a few new varieties besides some of  
the rarer ones I already have. While I  
intended to send these 2 coins only you  
to see and photograph thought I might as well

well to wait untill I return from my  
trip and send them along with the others, I  
~~may get~~ While I missed my trip to Europe  
last summer (which disappointed me wonderfully)  
on account of waiting to get money due me  
from the estate of a Los Angeles coin dealer who  
died last May owing me money, I did not  
wait in vain as I not only got what  
was due me but quite a lot of very fine and  
rare items out of the sale. Have you heard  
of any new varieties of the Rev. coins since  
I last heard from you? With the seasons  
greetings.

Sincerely yours,  
H. B. Lee

Dec. 24, 1929

Mr. H. L. Hill  
862 Guerrero Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very much obliged to you for sending me the rubbings of the two new Mexican coins, and I trust that you will find several more new things during your stay in Mexico. I should be glad to see whatever you may bring back with you.

I have added very little since my last publication, and if I remember correctly, all my new information has come from you.

I am sorry I could not reply sooner, but we are in the throes of moving into a new wing of our building, and many things necessarily get delayed.

With my best wishes,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

San Francisco  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1930

Mr. Howland Wood  
The Am. Numismatic Society

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I returned from my Mexican trip recently and while I was not fortunate enough to get a lot of rare coins like last year managed to dig up 2 new varieties of the Pto. coin's rubbing of which I am sending over and also rubbing of another older coin which I think is a rarity in this size. The last Puebla coins are in the round and square. Also got a tercer specimen of #73. I think the larger '20' Puebla are not the same except one has Po. and the other OSE. Was lucky enough to get a nice specimen of the Galatita coin a rubbing of which I sent you to examine and photograph it in brown and will be pleased to send them on.

May 28, 1930

Mr. H. L. Hill  
862 Guerrero Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very glad to hear from you once again and I congratulate you on getting the two new Tucbla coins. Very few new varieties have been pointed out to me since my second edition, but I am making notes and keeping the material together. I do not think it is yet worthwhile to photograph these. I would rather do it all at one time when I get enough to make it an object. I want to thank you for remembering me. Personally I have found nothing new, and as far as stuff coming to New York, in this line, it is absolutely nil.

The rubbing of that Peso is certainly interesting. I never saw one.

If you should run across Mr. Arthur Wyman, please remember me to him, and say we are anxiously waiting to hear from him.

Again with thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

Sam Frances

Dec. 1st 1930

Mr. Howard Wood 262. Gerrard St  
Am. Numismatic Society  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:-

While I had not forgotten about the 10c Apata coin I promised you have been very busy and neglected it. However to day I sent it together with a dozen more Rev. coins I thought you might take at yours may not be in the cond. like these uncoll. of coins asked me to get this your 1928 book on Macau Rev. coin and I am guessing at the price by sending Check for 3<sup>00</sup>. If not enough above paid and I will send the bal. or if 1<sup>00</sup> much the same send stamps for the diff. I am anxious to know how the Chinese coins went in Elders and Sales - whether high or low. as the Country seems to be - loaded with them at the present time and some of the dealers have quit handling them. Want to know what the price list of 1928 was but we have lost it since then - am expecting to get it again in a few weeks.

Sincerely H. R. Hill

Dec. 9, 1930

Mr. H. L. Hill  
862 Guerrero Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill

Your letter is at hand together with the coins. Thank you very much for sending these to us as an addition to our collection. Although, as you know, we have most of them, everyone is an improvement in condition over ours.

Yesterday I sent you a copy of the book on revolutionary coinage, and as the price is \$2.50, I am herewith enclosing fifty cents in stamps.

I do not know how the Chinese coinage went in Elder's sale as I did not attend, nor have I heard anything since then. Most of these Chinese coins are now coming over quite frequently, and where the first ones offered brought high prices, they are now not bringing anywhere near those prices to-day. Many of them are fakes though I am inclined to think made at governmental mints. When I say fakes, I mean combinations of dies that did not originally exist. Also, there are dollar-size pieces of which there was no such denomination when these issues were originally coined. Such as the piece for Tibet and Szechuan.

I trust you will pick up things of interest when you go to Mexico.

With much appreciation,

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

San Francisco  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1931

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Your letter of Dec.  
9<sup>th</sup> containing 50<sup>c</sup> in stamps rec'd.  
Also the book on Mex. Rev. coins.  
A friend of mine in Mexico who digs  
up a lot of rare coins from mounds  
etc to get them and it may  
get you a few orders which I can  
send to the other collectors there. The Prof.  
of our local club was out to see me a  
few days ago and I showed him  
your book. While he has only a small collection  
of Mex. coins ~~now~~ he wants  
a copy of the book and I have still one other  
already. I wish you good luck all  
through your travels and your writing.  
Expense the day in writing below, buying  
and our tools etc.

Sincerely yours

J. H. Price

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Mch. 21<sup>d</sup> 1931

Mr. Howland Wood  
Broadway at 156<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

I'm down in old Mexico again and have been in this city almost 2 weeks. Have found quite a lot of good coins and among them several new varieties of the Rev. coins. I am not willing to tell you about these but to advise you to send me at once 3 or 4 or half a dozen of your 1928 books on the Mex. Rev. coins as I can no doubt use most or all of them for you. If you see Mr. Heye tell him I have several fine big stone Idols for him, the best I have come across in years and will write him in a few days as I want to leave just when to look for him in Calif this spring. Haven't the time at present to send

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rubbings and give details of these Rev. coins but will  
be so later. Expect to be here 3 or 4 weeks longer. Remind  
me to Mr. Livermore and tell him I will have some coins of  
int. for him - also regards to Mr. George.

With best regards

Sincerely yours

J. H. C. Hill

Address me

to Princess Hotel  
Av. Hidalgo #59  
Mexico D. F.

P.S. A lot of fellows here want your book and say they will  
send and get it, but you know how it is - "Mangana", and they  
never do it.

March 25, 1931

Mr. H. L. Hill  
c/o Princess Hotel  
Avenida Hidalgo Num.59  
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very glad to hear from you. I understand that in the course of time the Mexican government through one of their museums, is planning to reprint my last monograph on Mexican revolutionary coins plus various additions that they know about. Also, one of the dealers there is thinking of doing something on that order. I have misplaced his letter and do not remember his name, but he mentioned that he had sold you many of your good coins.

I have not seen Mr. Heye for some time and I think he is away. I am sending to you a half-dozen of my last books on the subject, and am herewith enclosing a memorandum.

Trusting that you will have a successful time, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

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Meh. 29<sup>th</sup> 1931

Mr. Howland Wood  
The Am. Numismatic Society  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood.

Your letter of Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, rec'd and while the  
posters have not arrived yet they should be here in 2 or 3 days.  
Am sure I can sell all these and more and am ready  
to check for the sum - \$13<sup>11</sup>. I had a talk with Mr. Gorga, the  
party to whom you referred in your <sup>letter</sup>, and while he has given up  
the idea of reprinting your monograph on the Mex. Rev. coins,  
plus new varieties discovered since said the Mexican expt.  
is planning to do so in the near future. He (Mr. Gorga) will  
give me some data in regard to some new Rev. coins I have  
seen but I can't say what they are. I will give you this plus what I  
have written up from time to time. No doubt I can sell more of your  
books so send me at once 100 or even 200. or even 400. copies  
and I feel sure I can sell before of the whole lot for

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You expect I reach S. F. on Saturday & start home on  
the middle of Apr. but I may be even later. Has  
not received a wire from them yet, and had no change  
of address or nickel when I wrote you but suppose to come  
+ late some of my friends here and yours.

With best regards

Sincerely yours

H. P. Helle

P.S.

Mr. Farza says 200 Rev. Pesos were coined in Guadalajara  
with Cabot standing by the side of Cannon on Rev. Lyre, ordered  
struck by Villa. This is his very several days ago never heard  
of such a coin. Did you ever hear of it?

April 2, 1931.

Mr. H.L.Hill,  
Hotel Princess,  
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Mr.Hill,

I am glad to hear from you and to know that you are picking up much new information. As per your request, I am sending you ten copies of "Mexican Revolutionary Coins".

I never heard of the coin you mention struck at Guadeljara.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

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Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 1931

Mr. Howland Wood  
The American Numismatic Society  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Have rec'd both plgs of the Rev. books  
also your letter of the 2nd. The first lot is disposed of and  
am starting in on the last one. While I may not be  
able to sell all of them will hope to do so before  
reaching you, and will then send you a check. Letter  
from Mr. Herber informs me of the passing of Mr. Reddy.  
I was much surprised and very sorry indeed to hear it.  
Will start home in about two weeks.

Sincerely yours

W. J. Russell

San Francisco  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1931

Mr. Howland Wood

The Am. Numismatic Society  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

I returned from my Mexican trip recently and brought a lot of May coins along with me. Am sending rubbings of a few of the good ones and wonder if you can tell me where the small C.S. on the 1910 Ford VII Peso belongs. I judge it is in Mexico and have a smaller coin with similar C.S. on it. The Surinam piece is a new one to me and the best find in the Rev. Cris I have dug up for some time. Did you ever hear of one before? Have sold (or traded) all the books you sent me & at 3 and will send draft for the whole lot and dispose of them later. Am expecting to start for Europe soon and may see you in N.Y. the last of the month.

Sincerely yours

H. L. Hill

P.S.

I intended writing sooner but have been waiting for my friend in Mexico City to send me some data on the Rev. coins I promised you. He is a very busy man and fails to have it for me when I started home and wanted to send it now but it seems to be "Mavaya" as usual.

June 10, 1931.

Mr. H. L. Hill  
362 Guerrero St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hill:

Many thanks for your interesting letter together with check. All of the pieces of which you have sent rubbings are most interesting and I am glad to know of them. I have never heard of the "Zapata" dollar from the Suriana Mine. This must be a wonderful rarity. Your two little coins of the first revolutionary period are fine. You certainly have gotten some treasures there. The counter stamp on the 1910 pieces I have seen before but I know nothing about it. I trust I will see you here on your way to Europe as I always enjoy having you stop to see us.

Very truly yours,

H.W.JG

June 23, 1931

Mr. H. L. Hill  
862 Guerrero Street  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

If this reaches you in time and you are so disposed, would you mind sending to me or bringing with you those two or three Revolutionary coins that you enclosed in your list the other day. I would like to photograph them. There were two of the Zapata pesos, a brass 10 centavo and a copper 10 and 20 centavo from Guerrero.

Very truly yours,

JW:JG

San Francisco  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1931

Dear Mr. Ward.

I sent you a few days ago the  
following coins by Express.

100 Pesos Gro. 1915 Duriana

5<sup>e</sup> Gro. (S) 1917 Not in Ward

2-10<sup>c</sup> C. M. Gro. 1915 " " " dif. varieties

10c - Gro. 1915 A Var. " " "

Ward #137 with dolis showing

20c Gro. 1915 Not in Ward

100 Pesos Gro. 1915 Error in Reformed Justice

" " " 1914 " " Libertad

50<sup>e</sup> dol. C. M. Gro. 1915 a var. not in Ward

" Struck on piece cast silver, said to be Rev.

Ward #142 but from dif. die

Hope this lot will interest you. A coll. in Mexico City would  
seem to either had or had seen a larger denomination  
(think 25<sup>e</sup>) of the cast piece with 50 stamped on it.

The #142 I sent is quite dif. from one in illustration  
and I have ~~seen~~ one 10<sup>c</sup> like #142 but was not able  
to get it. Please return by Express and put same val.  
in phys. form (1932) How did Mr. Schulman make out in  
N.Y.? not so good as usual no doubt on account of the  
depression.

Sincerely yours

December 2, 1931.

Mr. H. L. Hill  
862 Guerrero Street  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter and the package of coins came to hand and I am most thankful to you for sending these on. I will photograph them shortly and return them to you by express as you direct. I note your silver 50¢ piece. This is my No. 102 in silver. I have a note in my book that you have my No. 99 in silver. By any chance, is this piece you sent on what you once told me was No. 99, or have you still got this piece as well?

The Suriana is certainly a beauty. I cannot put my hand on the letter telling me about the other Suriana piece. It was, I know, from some dealer in Mexico city stating that he had had one and knew of another and was trying to get it. I should judge now that collectors have heard this they are carefully looking through all of the two peso pieces to see if they can find any.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

January 6, 1932.

Mr. H. L. Hill  
862 Guerrero Street  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am returning your coins to you, as you request by express prepaid. I photographed them and I wish to thank you for sending them on. I also want to apologize for not returning them before this. As a matter of fact, I thought I had, but only today found I had put them away in one of the cabinets for safe keeping. I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

862 Guerrero St., S. F.  
Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1932

Dear Mr. Wood,

Your letter of Jan. 6 arrived  
and the coins arrived O.K. Was glad to get  
them as I wanted to send rubbings of the  
Durana and half of the others to a friend  
of the Rev. coins. They will be new to him and  
at the same time add a few more to his want  
list to be looking for.

Am somewhat at sea as to  
the Gil. 50<sup>c</sup> Zro. piece as I thought I had only sent  
you a rubbing of it but may have sent it before  
in another lot of coins. However it is a rarity and  
the only specimen I have seen. I don't think No. 142  
was struck from a die but finished on by hand  
the 2 and 6 and 8 all finished <sup>on</sup> separately. Comparing  
the two specimens in my coll. with one illustration  
in your book there is a very marked diff. in  
all three. Here is rubbing of one similar to

\*142 except it is 10¢ instead of 20¢  
While in my possession for the present it  
does not belong to me (I am sorry to say)  
and is the only specimen I have seen.  
Am wondering if you have ever heard of  
one before.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Hall

Broadway

... 9th & York

From

H. L. Hill

862 Guerrero St.

S.F. Calif.

Val. \$125<sup>00</sup>

Pd 48  
10/10/58  
58f

January 29, 1932.

Mr. H. L. Hill  
862 Guerrero Street  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter at hand and I want to thank you for sending on the rubbing of the 10<sup>th</sup> piece similar to my number 142. This is new to me and I have made a note concerning it.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

San Francisco

Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1934

Dear Mr. Wood.

You may send me  
2 of your books on the Mex. Rev. Cactus.  
I am a customer for one and like to have  
an extra copy on hand when some  
Mex. coll. needs one. Am sending check  
for 5<sup>00</sup> as I believe your price was 2<sup>50</sup>  
per copy. If not correct please let me  
know. It has been quite a while since I  
have made a trip into Old Mexico and in  
the meantime I see Garza has dug up a  
lot of new varieties which he describes in  
his book. I secured one rarity since I saw  
you - a 10<sup>e</sup> like No. 142 which I came  
across in Los Angeles several years ago and  
is I think the one Garza refers to in his  
book as one of the only two known. I believe  
you have picked up some rare ones <sup>Mex. Rev.</sup> recently  
and I see where Mr. Boyd exhibited quite a  
little bunch of rarities at one of your  
meetings - similar to some I have seen

but was never able to get. Is there much  
demanded in New York for the Liberty Head  $\frac{1}{2}$   
pieces and about what are they selling for.  
As such large numbers of them were turned  
in they will be quite scarce and should  
bring a good price in the near future.  
I would surely like to take another trip  
to Europe this summer but a 58<sup>c</sup> dollar  
over there don't appeal to me as it costs a  
fellow enough when it is worth 100<sup>c</sup>.  
How is Mr. Geo. Hege these days and give  
him my best regards when you see him.  
Am in Los Angeles at present but will  
be home again in a few days. Saw Dr. Prudom  
to day and brought him a few old Mex. coins  
which he wants to photograph for his new  
book on Mex. Coins. Will be pleased to hear  
from you again as it has been a long time  
since I have either seen or had a letter  
from you.

Sincerely yours

A. E. Moore

May 1, 1934.

Mr. H. L. Hill  
862 Guerrero St.  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter came the other day with the check for \$5.00. This price is correct as the books sell for \$2.50 each. I mailed the two copies to you the other day and you should have them before you get this letter.

I have been getting a few coins now and then of the Revolutionary period. Boyd has been getting a number of rarities from one or two of the collectors in Mexico City. Carson and Frank have found a few new varieties. I do not know much about what the liberty head quarter eagles are selling for. I rather imagine dealers are paying about \$3.50 for them. Some day they will be scarce, but if the government melts down all the gold coin they now have the other denominations will be scarcer as more have been saved of the quarter eagles than any other.

I see Mr. Heye now and then and will remember you to him. Mr. Pradeau seems to be a very enthusiastic collector and writer and we are giving him all the encouragement that we can. I trust before many years to see you East again and trust that you are still keeping up your interest in coins.

Very truly yours,

W:JG

Curator

862 Garrison St. & 14,  
Nov. 8th 1936

Mr. Howland Wood  
American Miners' Society

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood: If you want more 2 Webb  
pieces I showed you for 80<sup>00</sup> think I will let  
them go. While I like them all right I don't  
specialize in them. While I allowed them to  
several parties did not try to get any offer for  
them. I showed them to Mr. Boyd and asked him  
what he thought of them. He said Howland Wood  
knew more about them any one he knew  
of. I told him Mr. Robertson said they were  
worth 50<sup>00</sup> each. He said the big one was  
worth that and, but did not say what the  
thought the smaller one was worth. I told  
him you asked me for the first chance  
on them should I ever sell them and

I have promised you the refund of these before  
I sold them, They are in wonderful cond. for  
those old coins and the smaller one I think  
is quite a lot finer than the large one and  
may be worth as much or more. In the  
meantime should some one come along and  
offer me 100<sup>00</sup> for them or even more I will  
not sell them till I hear from you provided  
you write promptly and you can have them  
for 80<sup>00</sup>. The Com. coins are very common  
and I sold 2 of my Grant 1/2 with d or (to dealers)  
for 50<sup>00</sup> each.

Best regards

Sincerely yours

H. C. Rice

November 11, 1936

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
862 Guerrero Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I was very glad to hear from you and I will take those two pieces you offer. I have directed our bank to send you a check for \$80.00, which you should get about the middle of next week.

I have recently heard from Dr. Pradeau and he was saying you had shown him the rubbing of that L.C.V. piece and that you would sand the piece on to him to photograph.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

November 24, 1936

Mr. H. L. Hill,  
862 Guerero St.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill:

The two coins came the other day and many thanks for offering them to me. I am very glad to get them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks



862 Guerrero St.  
Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1936

Mr. Howland Wood  
The American Numismatic Society—  
New York City—

Dear Mr. Wood.

I rec'd your letter accepting my offer for the 2 coins and sent them by Express Chgs paid. I also rec'd a check for \$80.00 from your Bank and signed the paper they sent and returned it to the Bank. Thanks very much for the check and was very glad you said you was keen to get.

Sincerely yours  
H. R. Kier